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SUBJ: CANADIAN AND INDIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD ICC/LAOS

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1. WHILE WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED ICC/LAOS WITH THE INDIANS RECENTLY, WE BELIEVE THE GOVERNMENT'S REACTION TO THE CANADIAN CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT WILL REFLECT A BASIC DESIRE TO CONTINUE INDIA'S PARTICIPATION IN LAOS SETTLEMENT PROVIDED THE ATTITUDE OF OTHER PARTIES PROMISES A REASONABLY EFFECTIVE BASIS OF ICC OPERATION. THE INDIANS ARE NOT DOCTRINAIRE ON THIS SUBJECT. THEY WILL WANT TO KNOW THE VIEWS OF ALL OTHER PARTIES AND WILL BE OPEN TO SUGGESTION. THEY WERE PLEASED BY SOUVANNA PHOVMA'S ENDORSEMENT OF A CONTINUING INDIAN ICC ROLE IN LAOS WHEN HE VISITED DELHI IN JANUARY 1973. THEY WERE ALSO PLEASED THAT THE SEPTEMBER 14 LAO PROTOCOL CALLED FOR ONLY A LIMITED, AND IN THEIR VIEW SENSIBLE, ROLE FOR THE ICC AND FOR AGREEMENT BY BOTH LAO PARTIES TO ITS ACTIVITIES. ON THE WORKING LEVEL THEY HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT ADMINISTRATIVE HEADACHES OF ICC/LAOS, PARTICULARLY ON FUNDING, BUT HAVE INDICATED INDIA WOULD RESPOND

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POSITIVELY TO REQUESTS TO BEEF UP ITS ICC CONTINGENT IF ALL

PARTIES AGREED.

2. CURRENT INDIAN INTEREST IN ICC/LAOS--AT LEAST IN THE FIELD--
WOULD APPEAR TO BE REFLECTED IN THE REMARKS OF MILITARY ADVISOR
TO THE INDIAN DELEGATION MICHIGAN (VIENTIANE 1888) AND ICC
CHAIRMAN GHAREKHAN (VIENTIANE 2011).

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS ANY VIEWS
OR POINTS ON THIS SUBJECT IT WISHES TO CONVEY TO THE GOI HERE.

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